

State of California

Respiratory Care Board

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Inquiry: I work for a durable medical equipment (DME) company and they want the

RTs that work here to do pulse oximetry checks or spirometry on people that come to our stand and will be at a local hospital. They say that we will be covered by a patient consent form, no doctors orders. Will we be at

risk?

Response: Regarding RTs performing the screening of spirometry and pulse

> oximetry, please be advised that this inquiry is regarding professional liability of a licensed respiratory care practitioner arising from acitivities that appear to be associated with a promotional event. The RCB does not offer legal advice with respect to professional liability and advises that any

such inquiries be directed to competent legal counsel.

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